Here's the Data, Here's the Report I Want - How Do I Get There?
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SAS(r) programmers are often given a set of data and asked to generate a specific report. This can be a daunting task, especially for a relatively new SAS user. Where to start? This process involves two separate, but related phases. Phase one concerns the data itself. What form are the data in - is it raw data, data from another software program, or an existing SAS data set? Also, will the data need to be manipulated, rearranged or summarized to provide the information needed? Phase two involves determining which PROC will provide the output in the desired form. Knowing whether the report needs a specific layout, customized information, or statistics helps with deciding on the most appropriate PROC. This paper will present some guidelines to follow in achieving the desired report in an organized manner.

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